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NEW UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA.

(Sketch of the Provincial University which Opened Last September in Temporary Quarters in Strathcona with Thirty-three Students.)

One of the notable days in Strathcona's history and one that saw the whole live young city en fete was the first Convocation Day of the University of Alberta. It took place on October 13, 1908. In the temporary quarters of the University in Duggan Street School a meeting of the University Senate was held before noon, followed by a drive to the beautiful site of the University on the banks of the Saskatchewan, west of Strathcona.

There were receptions given later by the Governor and by the city. But the big vital function of the day was the Convocation and conferring of degrees at three o'clock in the afternoon in Oddfellow's Hall. Here the public saw for the first time the much-anticipated University as a practical institution. There had been weighty Senate conferences months before this, and the government had debated the question many times before authorizing its establishment but to none of these had the public been admitted.

So it was with pleased surprise that the people who flocked to Convocation found there a group of thirty-three eager intelligent young Albertans composing the first sutdent-body, and, in imposing array, the majority of the 364 graduates constituting the Convocation. On the plat-

form were the members of the Senate or governing body and everywhere through the hall was carried out most effectively a scheme of decoration in the University colors, green and gold, symbolic of hope and knowledge. Green spruce trees with golden sheaves of wheat and branches of yellowed poplar leaves used in the decorations not only brought out the appropriate colors, but were finely symbolic of the great natural resources of the province, its farm lands and its timber..

The Senate which made such a striking appearance in the hall that da includes: Premier Rutherford, whose active interest in the formation of the institution merits for him the title of "Father of the University"; Hon. Mr. Justice Stuart, Chancellor; President Tory; Hon. Mr. Justice Beck. Vice-Chancellor; J.H. Riddell, D.D.; R.J. Hutchings; P.J. Nolan, K.C.; O. Boyd, M.D.; R.G. Brett, M.D.; J.A. McDougall; J. J. Gaetz; E.K. Strathy; W.S. Galbraith, M.D.; G.A. Kennedy, M.D.; J. McCaig, M.A.; W.D. Ferris, M.D.; R.S. Jenkins, M.A.; George Harcourt, B.S.A.; and Harold Riley.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor and Chief Justice Sifton were also seated upon the platform as were the professors of the new University,--E.K. Broadus, M.A.; L.H. Alexander, M.A.; W.H. Alexander, M.A.; W. Muir Edwards, M.Sc.

Apart from the professors, who were newcomers to the province, the assemblage on the platform was a fine representative one of western men who had made good in every

sense of the term. The professions, the farm, industries, commercial and financial life, each had contributed a son of its own to that group, and the assemblage was one of which Alberta could be proud. Through all the addresses of afternoon and evening functions ran the thought that Alberta at least was to make it possible for every child of the province to receive an excellent education. .....
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